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SUBJ: MURTOPO DEFENDS ROLE OF ASPRI'S

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1. ACCORDING PRESS, PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT ALI MURTOPO TOLD AUDIENCE AT YOGYAKARTA ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY (IAIN) JAN 8 THAT HE TOO IS "UPSET" BY DEFICIENCIES IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. MURTOPO SAID THAT WEAKNESSES ARE MOST KEENLY FELT BY ARMED FORCES WHICH MUST BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETING THREATS FROM ABROAD. MURTOPO WARNED THAT CONSTITUTION OF 1945 WOULD BE CHANGED ONLY "OVER MY DEAD BODY" AND (IN OBVIOUS RESPONSE TO RECENT CRITICISM) HE ASSERTED THAT

PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAS A LEGAL RIGHT TO HAVE PERSONAL ASSISTANTS. (ASPRI'S).

2. COMMENT: MURTOPO'S REMARKS WERE MADE AT A TIME WHEN STUDENT PROTESTS ARE INCREASINGLY DIRECTED AGAINST HIM, FELLOW ASPRI SUDJONO

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HUMARDINI AND THEIR CHINESE AIDES. SLOGANS

READING "HA N BIAN KIE AND BIAN KOEN"
(REFERENCE TO LIM BROTHERS WHO SERVE MURTOPO
AND SUDJONO) WERE AGAIN FEATURED IN DEMONSTRATION
ON JAN 10, AND ELIMINATION OF ASPRI'S IS ONE OF
NEW "THREE DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE" ANNOUNCED
SAME DAY (REF B).
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